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Dear Court Members:

Eric D. Welch (10444-089) has been a member of our Alessandro Prison Ministry for the past six years. He has exemplarily completed a four year formation program in our way of life and has contributed articles to our monthly newsletter. He has been instrumental in having a Rosary Making Workshop established at his prison for the inmates, and he participates in weekly religious services. He has also formally taught fellow inmates through the prison's educational advancement program.

Eric has shared with us his experiences as a post-abortive father and his regrets for being an active participant in the abortion of three of his children. As is well known, many women who seek abortions have also been "aborted" themselves in that they had been subject to abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation. Such is also the case for many men.

Eric has left his past behind, as best I can tell. By the rigor of his fifty two lessons of formation, his consistent moving into deeper moral change, and his living a strict, penitential life, Eric has shown to me that he is a morally fit man, probably much more morally fit than many who have never been incarcerated. I urge you to consider him for early release.

Sincerely,

Madeline Pecora Nugent, CFP
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Minister General

"You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind, (and) you shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Jesus's words as recorded in Matthew 22:37-38)

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